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## Poetry.

ON!

From the dark and troubled surges  
Of the roaring sea in Time,  
Embrace a world overcomes;  
Solemn, beautiful, sublime;  
So of old, from Grecian water,  
Mist the music and the balm,  
Rose the dead Olympian daughter,  
Floating on the azure calm.



The committee reported favorably upon a petition of Edward Harris and others, to incorporate the Oak Hill Cemetery in Woonsocket. Read and concurred.

A long act was passed in relation to the navy of the State, embodying all the laws in relation to that subject.

A set gives to the General Assembly the appointment of a new officer, that of State Auditor, with a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

An act in amendment of an act entitled

"An act to regulate the powers of Indians for Savings in this State,"—amendment providing that the act shall be effective from and after the first Monday July next. Read and concurred.

The militia bill, which passed the Senate two days ago, was reported back with a recommendation that the House concur in its passage.

The committee on Finance, reported favorably upon the petition of Lyman Waterman, for discharge from recognition.—Read and concurred.

Also recommended concurrence in the resolution making an appropriation for a launch-on-oyster beds in Providence Harbor. Read and concurred.

The committee on the Judiciary, reported favorably upon the petition of Hiram Cook, and wife, for leave to adopt child.—Rejected and act passed.

The committee on State property, reported resolutions appropriating the sum of \$6000 to repair culverts on North and South Court streets, in Providence. Read and passed.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning.

PROVIDENCE, Wednesday, March 5.

Senate.—The Senate postponed, by a very decided vote, the petition of William S. Slater and others for a division of the town of Smithfield.

The resolution from the House, appropriating the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the completion of the alterations upon the State Prison, was concurred in, as was the resolution authorizing the General Treasurer to make a loan of ten thousand dollars.

The Committee on Finance, reported an act to exempt from tax the legacy of Joseph Smith, which was passed in concurrence.

On recommendation of the Committee on Education, the petitioners of School District No. 7, in Tiverton, for relief from tax, have leave to withdraw their petition.

The Committee on Education, reported an act to incorporate the Eighth Baptist Society in Providence, and an act to incorporate the Juniper Hill Cemetery in Bristol, which were passed in concurrence with an amendment.

The Committee on Education, reported a resolution appropriating \$250 annually to defray the expenses of preparing the yearly report and abstract of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the State; also, an act to incorporate the Griswold Institute in Portsmouth, both of which were read and passed.

The Committee on State Property, reported a resolution appointing a committee to inquire and examine as to the expediency of repairing and altering the State jail in Bristol, which was passed in concurrence.

The same Committee, reported on the petition of Elisha Harris and others, for discontinuance of a portion of the State Road called the Old Killingly road, which was granted and act passed accordingly.

Adjourned.—The House passed an act so amending the charter of the Merchants Bank in Providence as to authorize it to increase its capital to an amount not exceeding two millions of dollars. If the bank elects to accept the amendment, the stockholders are made personally and individually liable for all the debts of the corporation.

The act from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate the militia," was taken up.

Mr. Fellows, of Tiverton, moved that the act be postponed until the next session of the General Assembly.

The House refused to postpone the bill by the following vote: Ayes 30, Noses 34.

The bill was then considered by sections, and all, except the one authorizing an encampment, and the one providing for the expenses of the military service, were ordered to stand as parts of the bill; when the further consideration of the act was postponed until Thursday morning.

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The House concurred in the act from the Senate, regulating the militia, after striking out, by the very decisive vote of 44 to 20, the section authorizing an annual encampment of four days' continuance.

The Committee on Education, reported an act amending the charter of the Redwood Library in the city of Newport; which was read and passed.

POLYGRAPH EXHIBITION.—The chicken show at Van Vechten Hall opened this morning and promises to be a very large and attractive exhibition. In numbers and varieties it is expected to surpass that of last year. There was a large number of coops in the Hall early this morning, and the number already entered and not yet arrived will be sufficient to fill the room. Of chickens, pigeons and birds there is a great variety, and in fact almost every kind of the feathered tribe can be seen in the Hall. The show of chickens is quite large and very fine. There is considerable competition among exhibitors and the best stock to be found in this vicinity. Some have from five to ten and others from thirty to forty coops. The show is really worth visiting. Tomorrow is the first day when the room will be open to the public.

Albany Journal, Saturday.

A medical friend of ours once made to a lady some disparaging remarks about a favorite preacher; whereupon she exclaimed—"I don't see how you can say he is not a splendid preacher, for more beautiful hair I never saw!" And this nice discrimination of what is fit and beautiful, or rather the lack of what was fit and beautiful, was illustrated a few days since by the criticism of a lady of one of our city lectures. She declared "his manner lacked animation and his dickey was too high."

THE SHARKS FROZEN.—It is said, by the best sellers, that so severe cold weather has never been experienced in Florida until this winter. Captain Bontes De Gosa informs us that sharks have been seen to death, during the late cold spell, Charlotte Harbor. Such an event has not transpired, to his knowledge, for the past 35 years.—*Tempo Peninsular*.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

MARCH 1856.

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Moons First q. 13th day; 9th hour, 52 min. mer.

BRIGHTON MARKET. Thursday last.

At market 900 head cattle, No. Steers, 6 pairs

Working Oxen, 35 Cows, 500 Sheep and Lambs, and 200 Swine.

Price per pair—Steers \$4.75; 1st quality

Price per pair—Oxen \$7.50; 1st quality

Price per pair—Cows \$1.50; 1st quality

Cattle and Calves \$2.50; 1st quality

Lambs—Extra \$8. 25, 2d 15. By lot

50, 3d 4.5.

Sheep—7d 75; total 7d 80c.

Price per pair—Swine \$1.50; 1st quality

Price per pair—Pigs \$1.00; 1st quality

Price per pair—Lambs \$1.50; 1st quality

Price per pair—Calf Skins, 13c.

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## Miscellaneous.

### BOOK AGENCY.

**THE SUBSCRIBERS** have established a Book Agency in Philadelphia, and will for sale any book or publication at the retail price of postage. Any person, by forwarding the subscription price of any of the 25 Magazines, such as Harper's, Godey's, Putnam's, Graham's, Frank Leslie's Fashions, &c., will receive the same for one year and a copy of a splendid lithograph portrait of either Washington, Jackson, or "Tay," or, if subscriber to a \$2 and a half magazine, they will receive a copy of either of the three portraits. Subscribers to \$2 and a half magazines, all three portraits will be sent gratis. Music furnished to those who may wish it.

Envelopes of every description and size in large quantities furnished. Seal Presses, Dies, &c., sent to order.

Every description of Engraving on Wood executed with neatness and despatch. Views of Buildings, Newspaper Headings, Views of Machinery, Book Illustrations, Logos, &c., &c. All work sent by mail, and promptly attended to. Persons wishing views of their buildings engraved can send a description or sketch of the building by mail or express.

Persons at a distance having saleable articles would find it to their advantage to address the subscribers, as we would act as agents for the sale of the same.

**BYRAM & PIERCE,**  
60 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
J. MAY TURNER,  
Nov. 24—  
1852.

### A. BININGER & CO., OF NEW YORK.

Baring appointed **NEWTON BROTHERS**, of Newport, Agents for such articles as they import and deal in, are now prepared to solicit from their friends and the public, orders through these gentlemen. The goods imported in these articles, however, the two firms will be able to execute orders with certainty and due speed.

No effort will be spared to do full justice to all orders thus submitted to their care. They import and preserve under custom house lock, the brands of the most distinguished houses in England, are sole importers of G. H. Mann & Co.'s Champagne Wines, and are always supplied with the finest qualities of Champagne, Madera, Sherry, Port, Claret, Hock and Burgundy Wines, Liqueurs and Cordials, Scotch Ale, London Porter, Marmalade, Sardines, Sauces, Preserves and Jam, being a complete assortment of choice and rare articles of luxury.

They invite the special attention of purchasers to examine their catalogues at the stores of **NEWTON & OTHERS**, who will promptly attend to their wishes.

New York, April, 1852. [June 28.]

**MARINE & FIRE INSURANCE**  
THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY,  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.  
(Insure, Marine and Fire Risks) on the most  
favorable terms.

The Capital of said Company is \$100,000, all  
paid in and invested in Bank Stock  
in the City of Providence.

**DIRECTORS.**  
William Rhodes, Robert R. Stafford, Amos D.  
Smith, Resolved Waterhouse, Shubael Huntington,  
Ebenezer Kelly, George S. Rathbone, Caleb  
Davis, T. D. Bowen, Allen O. Peck, Samuel  
Tobey, James T. Rhodes, Walter Humphrey,  
**RALPH O. PRICK,** President.

WALTER HUNTER, Secretary.

Persons wanting information concerning  
said Company, will take apply to  
**DR. WHAT CRIES BUILDING,** PROVIDENCE,  
or **GEORGE ROWE, Esq.** Newport,  
Newport, July 3, 1852.

**J. H. Chappell,**  
**HARNESS MAKER & TRIMMER.**  
Would respectfully inform his friends and the  
public in general, that he has opened the store No. 15, Farewell, corner  
Mallborough St., where he will keep constantly  
hand, and make to order, of the best material  
and workmanship, all kinds of light and heavy  
Harness.

He has, having had a practical experience in  
one of the principal towns of Rhode Island and  
Massachusetts, feels confident that he will  
be able to give perfect satisfaction to all who may  
have him with a call. Repairing done with  
minuteness and dispatch.

N. B.—Persons can rely on the promptness of  
his establishment.

Marl. 3, 1852.—15.

**TIMELY HINTS TO ALL.**

How many have lost a father, a mother, a sibling, a brother, or an innocent little prettling child—and have not even the shadow of a resemblance to look upon. After the separation some little toy or trifling article of apparel, often kept for years, and exchanged as a token of remembrance, becomes the last tangible link which would be of Williams' protest. Daunderette Minuteman of the "Iowa" and lost.

Reader, perhaps you cannot do a better thing now, while your mind is upon the subject, than take an hour or two, and go by yourself, or with your family, or your friends, and visit the only artist in our town; and if not now, you may at some future period have reason to feel grateful to these "gentle hints" from

J. A. WILLIAMS.

**FAIRBANKS**  
MANUFACTURED  
**SCALES,**  
of every variety.

34 Kilby Street, — Boston.  
GREENLEAF & BROWN, Agents.

A full assortment of all kinds of weighing apparatus and slave furniture for sale at low rates. Household, Rice, and Coal Scales set in any part of the country.

Feb. 28.—15.

**W. B. SPOONER & SON,**  
Oil and Candle Manufacturers,  
THAMES ST. BRISTOL.

N. B.—Particular attention paid to manufacturing Pure Sperm Oil expressly for machinery.

Feb. 8.—15.

**EDWARD C. RAYES,**  
Boot & Shoe Maker,  
No. 7 WASHINGTON SQUARE

NEAR THE FOUNTAIN, NEWPORT, R. I.

Repairing promptly and neatly executed.

Feb. 28.—15.

**BOSS & DAVIS,**  
BREAD, CAKE & CRACKER  
BAKERS,

208 THAMES STREET, NEWPORT,  
Isaac S. Boss, Simon Davis.

Jan. 26—15.

**WILLIAM B. HALE,**  
DEALER IN

All orders left in 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000, 1005, 1010, 1015, 1020, 1025, 1030, 1035, 1040, 1045, 1050, 1055, 1060, 1065, 1070, 1075, 1080, 1085, 1090, 1095, 1100, 1105, 1110, 1115, 1120, 1125, 1130, 1135, 1140, 1145, 1150, 1155, 1160, 1165, 1170, 1175, 1180, 1185, 1190, 1195, 1200, 1205, 1210, 1215, 1220, 1225, 1230, 1235, 1240, 1245, 1250, 1255, 1260, 1265, 1270, 1275, 1280, 1285, 1290, 1295, 1300, 1305, 1310, 1315, 1320, 1325, 1330, 1335, 1340, 1345, 1350, 1355, 1360, 1365, 1370, 1375, 1380, 1385, 1390, 1395, 1400, 1405, 1410, 1415, 1420, 1425, 1430, 1435, 1440, 1445, 1450, 1455, 1460, 1465, 1470, 1475, 1480, 1485, 1490, 1495, 1500, 1505, 1510, 1515, 1520, 1525, 1530, 1535, 1540, 1545, 1550, 1555, 1560, 1565, 1570, 1575, 1580, 1585, 1590, 1595, 1600, 1605, 1610, 1615, 1620, 1625, 1630, 1635, 1640, 1645, 1650, 1655, 1660, 1665, 1670, 1675, 1680, 1685, 1690, 1695, 1700, 1705, 1710, 1715, 1720, 1725, 1730, 1735, 1740, 1745, 1750, 1755, 1760, 1765, 1770, 1775, 1780, 1785, 1790, 1795, 1800, 1805, 1810, 1815, 1820, 1825, 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1880, 1885, 1890, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, 2050, 2055, 2060, 2065, 2070, 2075, 2080, 2085, 2090, 2095, 2100, 2105, 2110, 2115, 2120, 2125, 2130, 2135, 2140, 2145, 2150, 2155, 2160, 2165, 2170, 2175, 2180, 2185, 2190, 2195, 2200, 2205, 2210, 2215, 2220, 2225, 2230, 2235, 2240, 2245, 2250, 2255, 2260, 2265, 2270, 2275, 2280, 2285, 2290, 2295, 2300, 2305, 2310, 2315, 2320, 2325, 2330, 2335, 2340, 2345, 2350, 2355, 2360, 2365, 2370, 2375, 2380, 2385, 2390, 2395, 2400, 2405, 2410, 2415, 2420, 2425, 2430, 2435, 2440, 2445, 2450, 2455, 2460, 2465, 2470, 2475, 2480, 2485, 2490, 2495, 2500, 2505, 2510, 2515, 2520, 2525, 2530, 2535, 2540, 2545, 2550, 2555, 2560, 2565, 2570, 2575, 2580, 2585, 2590, 2595, 2600, 2605, 2610, 2615, 2620, 2625, 2630, 2635, 2640, 2645, 2650, 2655, 2660, 2665, 2670, 2675, 2680, 2685, 2690, 2695, 2700, 2705, 2710, 2715, 2720, 2725, 2730, 2735, 2740, 2745, 2750, 2755, 2760, 2765, 2770, 2775, 2780, 2785, 2790, 2795, 2800, 2805, 2810, 2815, 2820, 2825, 2830, 2835, 2840, 2845, 2850, 2855, 2860, 2865, 2870, 2875, 2880, 2885, 2890, 2895, 2900, 2905, 2910, 2915, 2920, 2925, 2930, 2935, 2940, 2945, 2950, 2955, 2960, 2965, 2970, 2975, 2980, 2985, 2990, 2995, 3000, 3005, 3010, 3015, 3020, 3025, 3030, 3035, 3040, 3045, 3050, 3055, 3060, 3065, 3070, 3075, 3080, 3085, 3090, 3095, 3100, 3105, 3110, 3115, 3120, 3125, 3130, 3135, 3140, 3145, 3150, 3155, 3160, 3165, 3170, 3175, 3180, 3185, 3190, 3195, 3200, 3205, 3210, 3215, 3220, 3225, 3230, 3235, 3240, 3245, 3250, 3255, 3260, 3265, 3270, 3275, 3280, 3285, 3290, 3295, 3300, 3305, 3310, 3315, 3320, 3325, 3330, 3335, 3340, 3345, 3350, 3355, 3360, 3365, 3370, 3375, 3380, 3385, 3390, 3395, 3400, 3405, 3410, 3415, 3420, 3425, 3430, 3435, 3440, 3445, 3450, 3455, 3460, 3465, 3470, 3475, 3480, 3485, 3490, 3495, 3500, 3505, 3510, 3515, 3520, 3525, 3530, 3535, 3540, 3545, 3550, 3555, 3560, 3565, 3570, 3575, 3580, 3585, 3590, 3595, 3600, 3605, 3610, 3615, 3620, 3625, 3630, 3635, 3640, 3645, 3650, 3655, 3660, 3665, 3670, 3675, 3680, 3685, 3690, 3695, 3700, 3705, 3710, 3715, 3720, 3725, 3730, 3735, 3740, 3745, 3750, 3755, 3760, 3765, 3770, 3775, 3780, 3785, 3790, 3795, 3800, 3805, 3810, 3815, 3820, 3825, 3830, 3835, 3840, 3845, 3850, 3855, 3860, 3865, 3870, 3875, 3880, 3885, 3890, 3895, 3900, 3905, 3910, 3915, 3920, 3925, 3930, 3935, 3940, 3945, 3950, 3955, 3960, 3965, 3970, 3975, 3980, 3985, 3990, 3995, 4000, 4005, 4010, 4015, 4020, 4025, 4030, 4035, 4040, 4045, 4050, 4055, 4060, 4065, 4070, 4075, 4080, 4085, 4090, 4095, 4100, 4105, 4110, 4115, 4120, 4125, 4130, 4135, 4140, 4145, 4150, 4155, 4160, 4165, 4170, 4175, 4180, 4185, 4190, 4195, 4200, 4205, 4210, 4215, 4220, 4225, 4230, 4235, 4240, 4245, 4250, 4255, 4260, 4265, 4270, 4275,